

CALENDER 2007

SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

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Year in Review

Overview of Operations

The Southern Command handled 15,373 crashes throughout calendar year 2007. There were 90 fatal, 3,709 injury, and 11,574 property damage crashes. These numbers reflect a 0.2% decrease in total crashes over 2006. The 90 fatal crashes resulted in 94 fatalities which is a 7.2% decrease in fatal crashes and a 19.7% decrease in the number of total persons killed over 2006. Of the total crashes, 771 or 5% involved impaired drivers. Fortyone of the 94 persons killed, or 58.6%, were not restrained at the time of the crash. There were 729 total crashes involving commercial vehicles. This number reflects a 6.7% decrease as compared to 2006. There was an 8.3% decrease in fatal crashes involving commercial vehicles. There was a 9.8% increase in overall enforcement, and there was a 9.6% increase in other arrests as well as a 15.9% increase in speeding citations and a 9.2% increase in occupant restraint citations. Southern Command personnel arrested a total of 3,002 drivers for DUI and saw a 6.4% decrease in DUI arrests from crashes in 2007. Commercial personnel recorded increases in several areas. Safety inspections increased 18.1%, safety violations-citations increased 10.3%, trucks weighed increased 15.1%, and dyed fuel citations increased 25.4%. The Communications Center saw increases in all areas except call box incidents which decreased 38.6%. Interdiction and Criminal Enforcement (I.C.E.) seized 1.65 million in U.S. currency in 2007, as well as 348 pounds of cocaine and 61 pounds of methamphetamine.

Critical Issues

During 2007 the Southern Command continued to utilize the NSRS-NDOT 800Mhz system. There were failures and problems with the system with a continuing lack of coverage in several critical areas. Homeland Security initiatives required redirection of personnel for specific holidays, anniversaries, and major events throughout the year.

Significant Events / Operations

The Southern Command was tasked with and completed a number of major operations. Many of these operations could not have been completed successfully without multi-agency and interdivisional assistance and cooperation. Major operations included Laughlin River Run, NASCAR, USAF 60th Anniversary Aviation Nation, Las Vegas Grand Prix, Las Vegas Marathon, and Baker to Vegas Run, Dignitary visits, and New Year's Eve.

On behalf of the entire Southern Command Staff I thank and commend the Southern Command employees, both sworn and civilian for their efforts, dedication and professionalism throughout the year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	2007		2006	% Change		2005	% Change
Total crashes	15373		15400	-0.2%		13065	17.7%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	11574		11358	1.9%		9862	17.4%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3709		3945	-6.0%		3115	19.1%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	90		97	-7.2%		88	2.3%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	771		824	-6.4%		558	38.2%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	94		117	-19.7%		97	-3.1%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	31		35	-11.4%		31	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	10		18	-44.4%		9	11.1%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	25		30	-16.7%		26	-3.8%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	4		18	-77.8%		15	-73.3%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	24		16	50.0%		16	50.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	729		781	-6.7%		776	-6.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	581		631	-7.9%		598	-2.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	141		138	2.2%		161	-12.4%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	11		12	-8.3%		17	-35.3%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .6 %
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.0%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 58.6%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 4.7 %
- ✱ Total crashes down 0.2 % compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes down 7.9% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes down 7.2% compared to last year.

I.C.E. TEAM / TASK FORCE OPERATIONS

ICE Team Annual recap	2007	2006	2005	2004
U.S. Currency Seized	\$1,646,896.00	\$2,601,707.00	\$3,368,191.00	\$1,378,664.05
Cocaine	348.11 LBS	164.41 LBS	390.77 LBS	46.30 LBS
Methamphetamines	61.2 LBS	80.48 LBS	75.12 LBS	61.49 LBS
Marijuana	192.6 LBS	952.50 LBS	1,616.54 LBS	1,914.16 LBS
Felony / Drug Arrests	2184	145	168	106
Other Arrests	50	142	143	87

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	2007		2006	% Change		2005	% Change
TRAFFIC OPERATIONS							
DUI arrests from crashes ##	771		824	-6.4%		558	38.2%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	2231		2229	0.1%		1770	26.0%
Other arrests	13649		12451	9.6%		10346	31.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	5071		5320	-4.7%		4647	9.1%
Speed violations	49338		42575	15.9%		30756	60.4%
Hazardous moving violations	28566		28078	1.7%		22651	26.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	9023		8265	9.2%		5823	55.0%
Total violations [above violations included]	145906		132924	9.8%		102973	41.7%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	845		960	-12.0%		720	17.4%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	2783		2567	8.4%		1315	111.6%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	10218		8649	18.1%		7572	34.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	43		64	-32.8%		46	-6.5%
Total safety violations -- citation	4098		3715	10.3%		2164	89.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	19843		19748	0.5%		14351	38.3%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	1369		1295	5.7%		761	79.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	793		860	-7.8%		799	-0.8%
Total school buses inspected	3011		2774	8.5%		2353	28.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	512		394	29.9%		384	33.3%
Total trucks weighed	10829		9406	15.1%		4467	142.4%
Total overweight citations	405		680	-40.4%		317	27.8%
Total dyed fuel inspections	10272		8194	25.4%		7324	40.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	15		33	-54.5%		27	-44.4%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	2007	2006	2005
Level 2/3 Inspections	454	361	585
Safety Violations Citation	150	151	320
Safety Violations Repair Order	260	330	1136
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	21	44	81
Dyed Fuel Inspections	76	2	18
Dyed Fuel Citations	11	2	8

IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC 0.147%
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32 years old.
- ✱ .9% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 3.0 %of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2007		2006	% Change		2005	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	3,914,014		1,788,717	118.8%		1,271,011	207.9%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	14,113,369		8,488,422	66.3%		3,045,192	363.5%
CAD Incidents	318,046		309,956	2.6%		275,324	15.5%
Telephone Calls	417,627		394,686	5.8%		440,360	-5.2%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	518		843	-38.6%		1,452	-64.3%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	16,051		14,359	11.8%		14,073	14.1%
Arrest Reports Processed	4,571		4,999	-8.6%		4,958	-7.8%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	250		170	47.1%		237	5.5%
Vehicle Impound Releases	1,475		1,600	-7.8%		1,656	-10.9%
Visitors at Counter	11,025		12,034	-8.4%		9,613	14.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	72,362		72,350	0.0%		83,156	-13.0%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	11,338		5,801	95.4%		4,529	150.3%
Warrants Entered	5,333		3,421	55.9%		3,672	45.2%
Warrants Cleared	4,709		4,083	15.3%		3,691	27.6%
Warrants Validated	19,497		17,896	8.9%		17,561	11.0%
Extradition / Transports	170		153	11.1%		152	11.8%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	756		1,269	-40.4%		1,385	-45.4%
New Items Submitted	1,442		2,268	-36.4%		2,495	-42.2%
Items Disposed	576		501	15.0%		2,790	-79.4%

***Information is received from a private entity and they have identified problems within their calculations.

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 86.9 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 10.08 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 2.83 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0.12 % of case submissions.
- ✱ Compliance Enforcement Division is responsible for 0% of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 176 Contracts requiring 5,763.80 work hours, billing \$338,795.79

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ There were 230 commendations issued to personnel from the Southern Command.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Calls		Press Releases		Media Interview/TV		PIEO Meetings		Accident Response			
13,582		144		1379		197		128			
Website E-Mail Traffic		E-Mail Responses		Public Relations Projects		News Articles Total		Proactive News Articles		Reactive News Articles	
5363		2900		340		1125		575		550	

COMMUNITY SUPPORT - Volunteer projects using members of the DPS-Highway Patrol:

- Safe Community Partnership; pedestrian safety, drinking driving issues
- Safe Street Halloween event
- Speedway Children's Charities
- Special Olympics Nevada, tip-a-cop, Cops on donut shops, torch run, worlds largest convoy, Olympic Staff
- Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America
- Blankets to LV homeless
- Toys to Pediatric ICU patients
- Kids Ride w/Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation
- Las Vegas After-School All-Stars
- Attorney Generals Advisory Coalition on Impaired Driving
- Work with Stand Tall, Don't Fall (underage drinking)
- Think First Nevada-Nevada Injury Prevention
- All LV driving schools
- Nevada Retired Employees Association
- Central Rotary Club
- Lion's Club
- American Cancer Society // Relay for Life
- Opportunity Village; Great Santa run, Christmas in July
- Police Athletic League
- Stop DUI Nevada
- Driver's Edge
- Several Escorts for fallen LV Military Service Members